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REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 19, 2003 has been received and carefully studied.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-16 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-10 and 11-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,048,457. The Examiner states that the claims are not patentably distinct from each other because the claims in the present invention are directed to the housing provided with the tridimensional structure comprising a plurality of sorptive particles entrapped in a porous polymer matrix, with the housing being a pipette and having the aspect ratio as in claims 3 and 5 of the present invention, and these and other limitations are included in the claims of the patent.

The rejection is respectfully traversed.